

black-eyed Susan

Rudbeckia hirta

FEATURES

Black-eyed Susan is also known as brown-eyed Susan. Its hairy stems are upright and sometimes branched. The plant's simple, lance-shaped leaves are arranged alternately along the stem. Each hairy leaf has a sparsely-toothed margin. One flower head is produced per plant. The flower head contains many small flowers that are of two types: yellow ray flowers (10 to 20 per flower head), about three-fourths inch long; and purple-brown, tubular flowers in the dome-shaped center. Some individual plants may have pale-yellow ray flowers with white tips. Each flower head is about two and one-half to two and three-fourths inches wide. This plant may grow to a height of two to three feet.

BEHAVIORS

Black-eyed Susan may be found throughout Illinois. It grows in moist prairies, open woods, roadsides and fields. Flowering occurs from June through September.

TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Plantae
Phylum: Magnoliophyta
Class: Magnoliopsida
Order: Asterales
Family: Asteraceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

ILLINOIS RANGE







seeds



flowers

Aquatic Habitats

wet prairies and fens

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; edge; hill prairie